

CLAIMS

1. A case for an object, the case comprising a first portion (2) hingeably attached to a second portion (4), and a carriage (14) for holding the object, the carriage being movable in response to the movement of the first portion (2) with respect to the second portion (4) between a first position where the object is held in a protected space (24) and a second position where the object is presented for removal from the case.
2. A case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second portions (2, 4) are separated by an intermediate wall (54, 56).
3. A case as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein a carriage is hingeably attached to the first portion by a hinge (16) which is offset from the hinge (6) interconnecting the first and second portions (2, 4).
4. A case as claimed in claim 1 or 2 or 3, wherein at least one intermediate element is provided between the first portion and the second portion and is hingeably attached to one of the first and second portions and where a carriage is hingeably attached to one of the at least one intermediate element.
5. A case as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the protected space is defined, at least in part, by a wall (24a) in spaced apart configuration from the second portion (4) defining a volume or pocket into which the carriage extends.
6. A case as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which at least one of the front (2) and rear (4) portions is formed with or has at least one wall or other spacing element attached thereto to give the case depth.
7. A case as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the case is a case for a data carrier and a holding device (46) is provided to hold a read surface of the data carrier away from the carriage.
8. A case as claimed in any one of the preceding claims further comprising a pocket to hold additional articles.

9. A case as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the case is a case for pharmaceutical products or cigarettes.
10. A case as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 8, wherein the case is a case for CDs, DVDs or other data carriers.
11. A carrier for a plurality of objects, the carrier comprising first, second and third elements hingeably attached to one another in a hinge region, and wherein the second and third elements carry first and second protective regions thereon, respectively, for holding an object therein, and wherein a first carriage is attached to the first element by a second hinge offset from the first hinge and extends into the first protective region, and a second carriage element is attached to the second element by a third hinge offset from the first hinge and extends into the second protective region.
12. A carrier as claimed in claim 11, wherein the depth of a spine interconnecting the first and third elements is selected to be equal to the thickness of the sum of the objects carried in the carrier and the first and third elements.
13. A blank for use in the manufacture of a case, the blank comprising:
 - a first panel (2) connected to a second panel (4);
 - a third panel (10) connected to the second panel (4) such that the third panel can be folded over the second panel to form a protected region;
 - a carriage panel (14) connected to a pocket panel (24a) such that the pocket panel can be folded over the carriage panel to form a pocket; and
 - an intermediate panel (113) connected to the carriage panel (14), and wherein the intermediate panel (113) joins the first panel along a boundary that is at right angles to the connections between the first and second panels.
14. A blank as claimed in claim 13, wherein the blank further comprises a flap (116) connected to the first panel on a side opposite the intermediate panel.

15. A blank as claimed in claim 14, wherein the further flap (116) is used to form a stop tab to inhibit articles from falling out of a pocket formed by the first panel and the intermediate panel.
16. A blank as claimed in claim 13, 14 or 15 wherein the third panel is connected to the second panel at a side thereof opposite to the connection between the first panel and the second panel, and wherein the third panel (10) or the second panel (14) has flaps (152, 154, 222, 224) for securing the second and third panels together to form a pocket.
17. A method of forming a case from a blank as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 16, comprising the steps of:
 - a) folding the intermediate panel such that it overlies the first panel (2) and the carriage (14) overlies the second panel (4), and
 - b) folding the pocket panel and third panel over such that the carriage panel is within a protected region.
18. A method as claimed in claim 17 when dependent on claim 16, wherein prior to performing step a), the further flap is folded over the first panel (2) and adhesive is positioned on it or a portion of the intermediate panel such that the intermediate panel adheres to the further flap.